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Examiner Name	Do, Chat C.
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ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

☒ Transmitted herewith is **RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 6, 2004 OFFICE ACTION, REPLACEMENT FIGURES 1, 2A-2B, 3A-3D, AND 4-20, AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH FORM PTO/SB08/a, AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM**

☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below: **NO CLAIM FEE IS DUE**

(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS		-		0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$9.00 <input type="checkbox"/> x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS		-		0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$43.00 <input type="checkbox"/> x \$86.00	\$0.00
	APPLICATION AMENDED TO CONTAIN ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS NOT PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR.			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$145.00 <input type="checkbox"/> x \$290.00 ONE TIME	\$0.00
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

☐ Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Office Action dated _____ by one month(s) for a fee of \$_____ so that the period for response is extended to _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321.

☐ The amount of \$_____ for the Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 is included in the enclosed check.

☐ The amount of \$_____ for the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(b) is included in the enclosed check.

☒ The enclosed credit card payment form to charge the amount of \$180.00 covers the total claim fee and other applicable fees. **FOR FILING AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AFTER FIRST OFFICE ACTION (\$180.00).**

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3140. **A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.**

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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Dated: May 6, 2004

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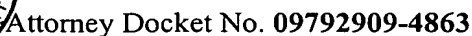
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RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 6, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2004. In view of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

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